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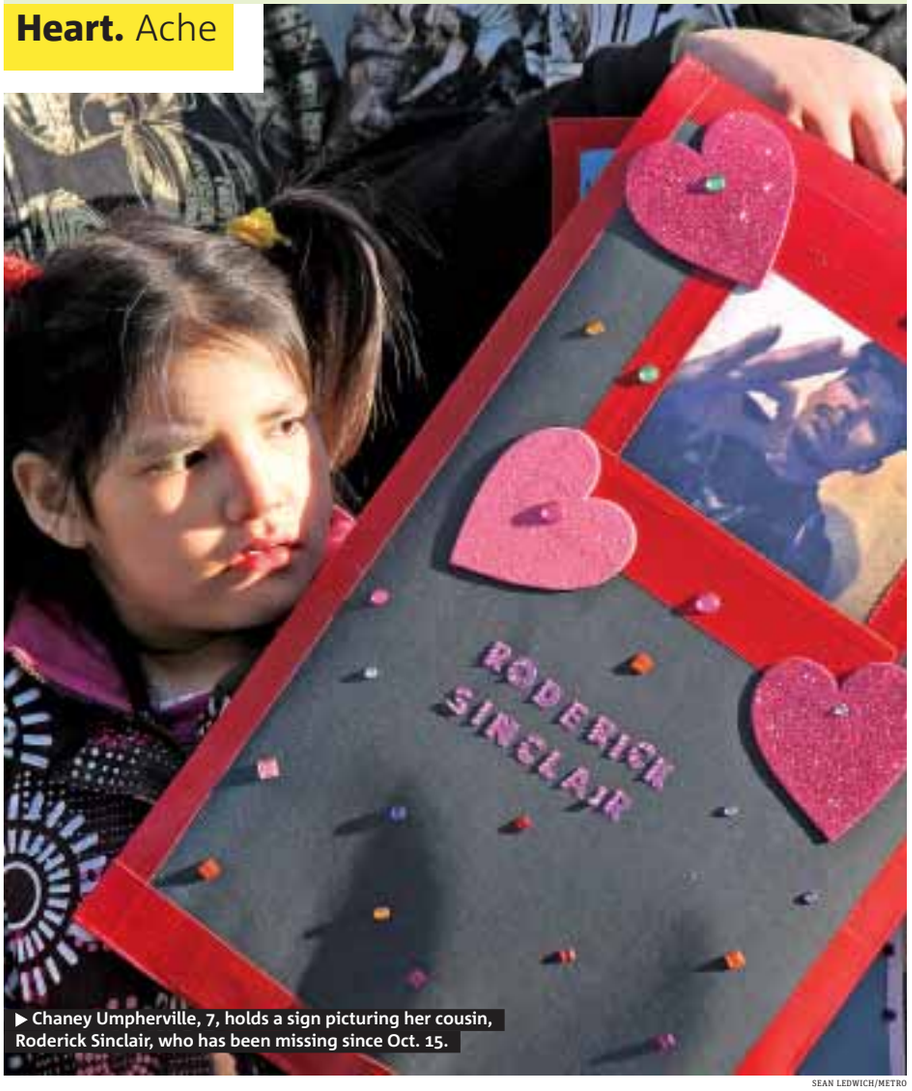

▶ Chaney Umpherville, 7, holds a sign picturing her cousin, Roderick Sinclair, who has been missing since Oct. 15.

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Gathering to remember the missing

Chaney Umpherville was at the Men's Gathering and Unity Walk for Missing and Murdered Women. Police blocked traffic as about 100 people walked at 4 p.m. on Portage Avenue with signs picturing missing and murdered men and women from the APTN building to the Aboriginal Affairs offices, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs office, the Law Courts and finally to the Manitoba Legislature. Marchers sang and danced at each stop.

City gets a bloody valentine

◗ Homicide, stabbings, sudden death mar day meant for celebrating love ◗ Winnipeg police release few details as they continue to investigate all incidents

It was a bloody Valentine's Day as Winnipeg recorded its fourth homicide, stabbings and a sudden death.

The day began when a man was found at Canad Inns Polo Park and was rushed to hospital in critical condition at about 1:30 a.m. While police wouldn't confirm he was stabbed, it was confirmed he had been severely injured. He later died from his injuries.

A second man was also taken to hospital after being injured in the upper body. He is in stable condition.

Winnipeg police Const. Natalie Aitken would not confirm if the two adult men knew each other or where the argument started. She would also not say if the two men hurt each other. In the meantime, Const. Aitken said, police are talking to numerous people. She wouldn't say if any of them are suspects.

Winnipeg police were still on the scene Tuesday morning of what they later called a sudden death.

Homicide victim

The homicide victim's name has not been released, but media reported him as Eli "Wahb" Mandamin Jr., 18, from Iskatewizaagegan First Nation near Shoal Lake.

Police said a woman's body was found in a suite at the Quest Inn in downtown Winnipeg on Monday evening. Police said they were called to the scene at about 10:30 p.m.

The woman was 49 years old. The major crimes unit is investigating.

At 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, a man was stabbed during a robbery at Prichard Avenue and Aikins Street. The victim is in stable condition, said police.

Investigators are looking for two male suspects, aboriginal in appearance, aged 30 and 19.

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Residents denied say on golf courses

Citizens wanting to talk to a city committee about the potential development of local golf courses were told one thing: Not now.

About 50 people packed the property and development committee meeting Tuesday morning only to be told by chair Coun. Jeff Browaty the meeting was not the proper forum.

The committee then struck down a report calling for public consultations on the matter. About 20 people had asked to speak at the meeting.

Local resident Ron Mazur said citizens had gathered almost 6,000 signatures against the potential sale and development of city-run golf courses.

"I'm really incensed that democracy has been hijacked by a committee," he said.

Browaty said public consultations would happen, but not at the meeting. Coun. Mike Pagtakhan told the committee the people should be allowed to speak, but he was overruled. Browaty said the recommendation was a mistake.

"The fact of the matter is this is out of order in terms of this committee," said Coun. Russ Wyatt.

City-run golf courses have been losing money for years, sometimes in the millions of dollars. Last year, the city asked for development proposals for the land. The courses include Windsor Park, John Blumberg, Kildonan Park, the Canoe Club, Crescent drive and Harbour View. STEVE FRASZ

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▶ Vi-Ann restaurant owner Bac Bui says he has collected more than 4,000 signatures on a petition against the development of a Shoppers Drug Mart in Osborne Village.

Retail expansion meeting resistance

More than two dozen send appeals to committee over Osborne Village's fate

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Osborne Village remains at the centre of a fight between locals and a corporate juggernaut.

Since the board of adjustment approved the expansion of Shoppers Drug Mart in Osborne Village more than a month ago, residents and non-residents alike have been battling to prevent the pharmaceutical retailer from developing.

Following the Jan. 11 deadline, 27 appeals have been filed with the city's appeal committee against the 7,600-square-foot expansion. One of those appeals is from Vi-Ann restaurant owner Bac Bui, who has become a symbol of the resistance.

"I sent an appeal letter already," said Bui. "I'm waiting for (the appeal day). I'll go and speak there and then it's up to (the councillors) to make a decision."

Bui's restaurant is one of the buildings proposed for demolition should the committee vote in favour of Shoppers. So far the movement to prevent the retailer from expanding has received 4,000 signatures on a petition, and more than 1,000 have joined a Facebook page.

Bui is still collecting more signatures at his restaurant.

"I got a lot of signatures now. I want the city to think about that," Bui said.

The appeal committee meets Thursday at 9 a.m. at city hall.

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RIM's fortunes continue to decline as the U.S. government's main procurement agency has begun allowing its workers to use iPhones. Scan code for story.

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A group of U.S. aircraft carriers had some Iranian company in the Strait of Hormuz on Tuesday. Watch at metronews.ca/video

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Emotional. Moment

▶ Hermina Botha shares an emotional moment with Premier Greg Selinger at a special Diamond Jubilee swearing-in ceremony held at the legislative building Tuesday to welcome 40 new people as Canadian citizens. Since 1999, more than 70,000 new immigrants have settled in Manitoba through the Provincial Nominee Program.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Swearing-in ceremony celebrates new citizens

Charges stayed in care-home lawsuit

Justice Department spokeswoman says the Crown determined there wasn't enough evidence to reach a conviction in the case

The Crown has stayed two criminal negligence charges in a private prosecution launched after the death of a 93-year-old Winnipeg care-home resident.

The charges against Sharon Home's Saul and Claribel Simkin Centre followed the October 2010 death of Lilyan Peck, who died days after being transferred from the home to hospital.

Parts of her lower body were covered with infected bedsores and a provincial health-care watchdog found Peck had suffered abuse due to neglect at the centre.

A Justice Department spokeswoman says the Crown determined there wasn't sufficient evidence to reach a conviction.

Lawyer Harvey Berkal, who launched the prosecution, says the matter has been sent to homicide detectives — something which has not been confirmed by the Crown, Manitoba Justice or Winnipeg police.

Bill Brownstone, acting chairman of the care home, says in a statement that the centre knows of no factual basis for the suggestion that criminal proceedings of any kind are being contemplated.

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WPS HANDOUT

▶ Ernest Joseph Lacquette

Police searching for sex offender

The Manitoba Integrated High Risk Sex Offender Unit is looking for help locating Ernest Joseph Lacquette, 53, after he breached his curfew this past weekend.

Lacquette is believed to be in Winnipeg and is considered a moderate-high risk to offend both sexually and violently.

Lacquette is described as aboriginal, five-foot-seven, 182 pounds, with black hair and green eyes.

Anyone with information is asked to call CrimeStoppers at 786-TIPS.

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No charges to be laid in death of pedestrian

No charges will be laid after a pedestrian was killed Monday on Osborne Street.

Winnipeg police confirmed Tuesday an elderly woman was trying to cross eastbound on Osborne Street at about 2:30 p.m. when she stepped in front of a dump truck.

"I saw all the police cars and someone came in and said a lady was hit," said Lyle Lay who was at a nearby business at the time of the accident. "It's a scary thing."

Cst. Natalie Aitken said the woman was crossing "against the light" and the truck had the right of way.

Police cordoned off the roadway with tape and a yellow tarp lay over what appeared to be a body. A brown purse lay next to the tarp.

Lay, who lives just a few minutes away from the corner of Osborne Street and Jubilee Avenue, said he wasn't surprised to see a tragedy at the intersection.

"Driving through this intersection I've been scared a couple times because you'll be coming from the south and people are running across trying to catch a bus."

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Rare films come back to Winnipeg

A rare collection of Hudson's Bay Co. films has been returned to Canada from England.

The films will be added to the permanent holdings of the Hudson's Bay Co. archives in Winnipeg.

The bulk of the donation consists of what was once part of a two-hour silent film called Romance of the Far Fur Country.

It provides a glimpse into Inuit and First Nations communities and Hudson's Bay operations across northern Canada from 1919 to 1939.

The film was commissioned in 1920 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the fur-trading company.

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First. Steps

▶ Naomi Tanioka, 16, and Mark Sampson, 17, practice their parts for the Royal Winnipeg Ballet's 22nd annual First Steps Choreographic Competition.

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Students compete in ballet

The competition runs at the RWB building until Saturday and will see students present original creations nightly at 7:30 p.m. A special awards gala will be held Saturday evening.

LAW AND ORDER

Crown asks for 18-month sentence for Stanley Cup rioter

The Crown says a young man who admitted to participating in the Stanley Cup riot should be sentenced to as much as 18 months in jail, arguing that all the rioters are guilty of robbing the residents of Vancouver of their sense of serenity.

Ryan Dickinson, 20, is the first person to plead guilty in the riot and will be the first sentenced for joining in on the mayhem that followed Game 7 of the Stanley Cup final last June.

Rioters spent hours torching cars, smashing windows and looting stores, causing millions of dollars in damage.

In an agreed statement of fact read in court Tuesday, Dickinson admitted to trashing an unmarked police vehicle in downtown Vancouver and tossing a mannequin and a newspaper box at a clothing- store window.

"What is common to all is that the riot has stripped a sense of safety and security from the city of Vancouver," said Crown lawyer Patti Tomasson.

"In the Crown's submission, the riot was akin to a home invasion of the whole community."

Tomasson suggested the riot justified a range of 12 to 18 months to deter future riots and punish those responsible.

For Dickinson, who has a criminal record for assault, Tomasson recommended a sentence of between 15 and 18 months for the riot charge.

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Former attorneys general light up national pot debate

Calls to legalize marijuana grow as political heavyweights join debate

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METRO CANADA IN VANCOUVER

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▶ Ujjal Dosanjh speaks with reporters outside an Elections Canada office in South Vancouver in November 2008.

Four former B.C. attorneys general have joined the crusade for the legalization of marijuana.

Colin Gabelmann, Ujjal Dosanjh, Graeme Bowbrick and Geoff Plant all signed onto the Stop the Violence B.C. coalition Tuesday and sent a letter to both Premier Christy Clark and NDP Opposition Leader Adrian Dix endorsing legalizing, regulating and taxing marijuana.

Doing so will curb gang violence and crime, raise tax revenue and ease the load of the court system, they say.

"We should be prosecuting murderers and gangsters, not young people for small amounts of possession," Dosanjh said. "It's not a smart way to deal with crime, and there's a significant consensus that is evolving in this country and in the U.S."

The four ex-AGs join four Vancouver mayors who have already joined Stop the Violence B.C.

Dosanjh thinks continuing the criminalization of marijuana just encourages gangsters to profit off the drug trade and costs taxpayers dearly.

Health organizations, public-policy organizations and think-tanks — some often at odds with each other — have called for legalizations, along with many law-enforcement associations.

Whether the growing pressure will pay off remains a big question, especially with the Conservative government currently in power. But Dosanjh argues that's exactly why proponents need to speak up.

"It's in political circumstances like that it's important to participate in the debate," he said. "Canada has the opportunity to be a leader on this."

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Syrian official chastises Canada over sanctions

- Diplomat denies regime is responsible for civilian deaths
- Harper calling for President Bashar Assad to step down

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▶ Bashar Akbik

Syria's top diplomat in Canada is striking back at Ottawa for what he says are "deplorable" sanctions imposed by the Harper government that he insists are harming innocent civilians in his country.

Bashar Akbik, Syria's charge d'affairs, levelled that accusation in an interview with The Canadian Press during which he steadfastly denied that the regime of President Bashar Assad is responsible for the killing of thousands of innocent civilians in a bloody 11-month crackdown on dissent.

Akbik blamed terrorists and criminals for the violence in his country. He said a Western-led "conspiracy" — with Saudi Arabia's collusion — is trying to overthrow his government and that conspiracy is responsible for the carnage that the United Nations says has left more than 5,400 dead.

"Hollywood"-style videos on the Internet that have fabricated scenes of government forces killing innocent civilians are part and parcel of the international plot, he said.

Akbik's denial came within hours of United Nations human-rights chief Navi Pillay's telling the General Assembly that Assad's regime has likely committed crimes against humanity.

"Canada is helping to worsen the life of the Syrian citizens, and the sanctions will bring no result," Akbik said.

"This is really deplorable, the Canadian stand towards the current events in Syria," he added. "Since the first days of the insurgency in Syria, the Canadian government took a belligerent position against the Syrian regime."

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Activists say Syrian people facing 'brutal shelling'

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▶ Civilians flee from fighting after Syrian tanks enter the northwestern city of Idlib on Tuesday.

Syrian government forces renewed their assault on the rebellious city of Homs on Tuesday in what activists described as the heaviest shelling in days, as the UN human rights-chief raised fears of civil war.

Troops loyal to President Bashar Assad have been shelling Homs for more than a week to retake parts of the city captured by rebel forces. Hundreds are believed to have been killed since last Saturday, and the humanitarian conditions in the city have been worsening.

Homs was under "brutal shelling" on Tuesday, the Local Coordination Committees activist group said, citing its network of witnesses on the ground.

Another activist group, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said it was the heaviest shelling in days.

With diplomatic efforts bogged down, the conflict in Syria is taking on the dimensions of a civil war, with army defectors clashing almost daily with soldiers.

UN human-rights chief Navi Pillay warned on Monday that the Security Council's failure to take action has emboldened the Syrian government to launch an all-out assault.

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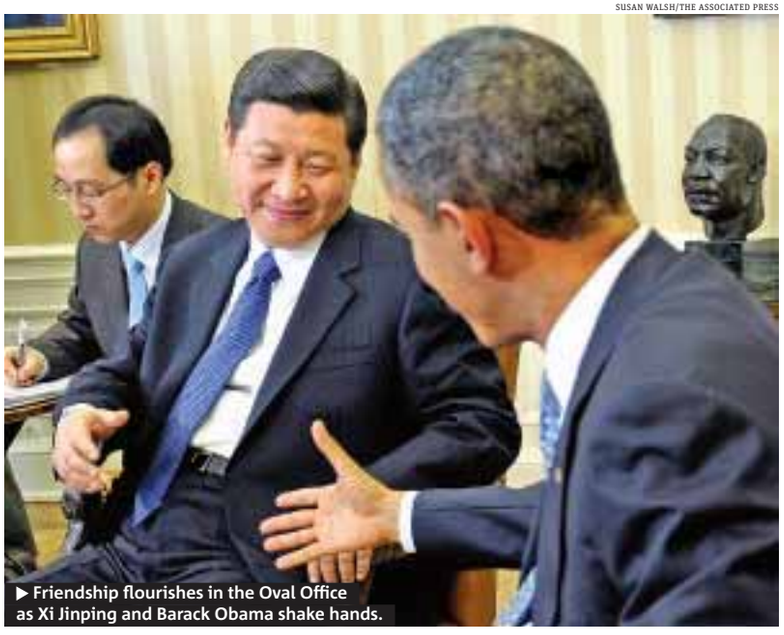

▶ Friendship flourishes in the Oval Office as Xi Jinping and Barack Obama shake hands.

Obama rolls out the welcome mat

Handshakes and warm words at White House for China's man-to-watch But outside, a Tibetan protest

The political winds blew hot and cold around the White House on Tuesday.

Inside, U.S. President Barack Obama and China's heir-apparent leader, Vice-President Xi Jinping, exchanged handshakes and warm words.

"We welcome China's peaceful rise," Obama said as the two men sat in the Oval Office.

"We believe that a strong and prosperous China is one that can help to bring stability and prosperity to the region and to the world."

But outside, protesters marched, waving Tibetan flags, calling for a free Tibet and proclaiming "Xi Jinping: Tibet will be free."

They shouted "Shame on Chinese government" and "Stop lying to the world."

The U.S., too, reiterated its longstanding concerns over human rights, which Obama described as a "critical issue."

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This man Xi

- Xi's visit is being closely watched because he will likely lead China over the coming decade. After becoming party leader, he is expected to replace Hu Jintao as president in 2013.
- Xi is viewed as more able to make personal connections than Hu, and more willing to step away from the traditional aloofness of Chinese high office.

BANGKOK TERROR

Israel points to Iran after explosions

Israel accused Iran of waging a covert terror campaign after a series of explosions led to the capture of two Iranian nationals in Bangkok.

An Iranian man carrying grenades blew off his own legs and wounded four civilians Tuesday after an earlier blast shook his house in Bangkok.

On Monday, an Israeli diplomat's wife and driver were wounded in New Delhi when a bomb stuck to their minivan exploded. Another device was defused on an Israeli Embassy car in Tbilisi, Georgia.

Israeli TV quoted unidentified Thai authorities as saying the captured Iranians confessed to targeting Israeli interests.

In Israel, security was boosted in public places, at foreign embassies and offices and at Ben-Gurion International Airport.

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Italy wants to reopen Knox case

Italian prosecutors asked the country's highest criminal court Tuesday to reinstate the murder convictions of American Amanda Knox and her former boyfriend in the slaying of British student Meredith Kercher, 21.

Four months ago, the convictions against Knox, 24, and Raffaele Sollecito, 27, were thrown out.

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Greece delays on demands, postponing bailout meeting

EU countries, analysts skeptical indebted country will pull through

Two steps forward, one step back. So goes the frenzied effort across Europe to bail out Greece and save it from a potentially devastating default on its debts.

A meeting of the finance chiefs of the 17 euro countries to discuss Greece's second bailout planned for Wednesday was called off Tuesday evening after Athens failed to deliver in time on several demands made by its partners in the currency union.

The last-minute cancellation shows the eurozone wants much tougher guarantees now from Athens before giving it an extra 130 billion euros in rescue loans, on top of 110 billion euros granted in 2010, raising fears that the deal may fall apart.

The meeting was expected to give the green light for a bond-swap deal with private creditors designed to slice some 100 billion euros off Greece's debt. The deal, which will take weeks to implement, must be finalized by March 20, when Greece faces a 14.5-billion-euro bond redemption.

While the Parliament faced down violent protests on the weekend to approve a new austerity package, the cabinet spent hours Tuesday discussing how to save an extra 325 million euros demanded by the eurozone. Much of the past two years has been spent working to avoid a default in Greece, but the measures around a second bailout have made it difficult it to see how the country can restore growth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ A worker cleans red and black paint off of the Bank of Greece's sign after Sunday's riots in Athens.

European Union urges China to join in efforts

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▶ European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso at a joint press conference on Tuesday.

European Union leaders urged China on Tuesday to open its markets, join in persuading Iran to negotiate over its nuclear program and help end bloodshed in Syria during a summit delayed by Europe's debt crisis.

Leaders of the two sides pledged to boost trade and to start negotiations on an investment treaty. But at a news conference, EU officials and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao expressed differences on issues from trade to human rights.

Europe is China's biggest trading partner but companies and business groups complain Beijing is trying to limit access to industries in violation of its free-trade pledges. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Anonymous strikes again

A U.S. security company whose tear gas has been used against Egyptian demonstrators has become the latest victim of the Anonymous movement, hackers claimed Tuesday.

An Internet statement said the hackers broke into Combined Systems Inc.'s website and stole personal information of clients and employees of the firm. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

'Business as usual' for Air Canada

Travellers flying Air Canada can keep booking their flights as negotiations continue with a new federally-appointed mediator to help resolve an ongoing contract dispute between the airline and its pilots.

"It is business as usual," the Montreal carrier's spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick said in an email Tuesday. "Customers can continue to make their travel plans and book in confidence.

Talks are continuing and "we are confident that a disruption will be avoided," Fitzpatrick said.

Results of a pilot vote on a strike mandate were expected to be released later Tuesday and the company is already in a legal position to impose new contract terms or lock out the workers.

The measures give either side 72 hours to serve notice of its intention to impose a work stoppage.

Both sides have said they will not use those options while talks continue.

The federal government put pressure on both sides to avoid any disruptions in air travel, saying a strike or lockout would harm the economy during a fragile recovery. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Boeing seals largest order

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▶ A Boeing 787 Dreamliner upon arrival in Singapore last Saturday.

Boeing has locked in its biggest order ever with a little-known airline halfway around the world.

The Chicago airplane manufacturer said Tuesday that it has finalized an order from Indonesian carrier Lion Air for 230 planes — worth a combined $22.4 billion US.

The deal is the largest commercial airplane order ever for Boeing Co. by both dollar value and number of airplanes. Lion Air also has the rights to buy 150 more. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. TUESDAY

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WEDDING BELLS KEEP THE BEAT

JUST SAYIN' ...

MIKE BENHAIM
METRO

February may be miserable for some of us, but for those crazy Valentines planning their June wedding it's a glorious time.

In my 20 years as a DJ, I have worked more weddings than Kim Kardashian will ever have, and I'm shocked at how many lose sight of the most important ingredient: The music!

How many of you have seen the reality show Musical Weddings? No? That's because there isn't one. And yet there are countless shows about dresses and shoes and chocolate fountains. The industry will have you believe that these things are critical, when we all know that at the very heart of it all is the music. No one will even see your shoes.

On the night of the northeast blackout in 2003, I was doing a wedding. The bridal party was dressed and ready, but there was no electricity. The venue had a generator, which would provide four hours of music if we used nothing else. No flashing lights. No video. No uncle Saul belting out his karaoke rendition of My Way. Just a welcome speech, some drinking and everyone dancing until just past midnight ... on a Thursday.

"Some of the best weddings I've ever attended involved tight-knit groups of friends celebrating memories together ..."

I used to get calls from brides who had paid $2,000 for a dress and $750 for a cake but expected to spend $500 on a DJ because that's how much their cousins paid ... in 1983.

A wedding reception is meant to be a moment of celebration between loved ones. It's not an opportunity to hog the spotlight in front of a captive audience.

If your DJ is energetic, knows his music and observes the crowd, he'll have her aunt Myrna from Flin Flon doing the Cha Cha Slide with his uncle Surjeet from Bombay before the night is done.

Can your cake do that?

No one wants to hear lengthy speeches about your days at summer camp, or watch a 15-minute slide show of your relationship set to the music of Celine Dion.

They want to party, and if you don't think there's a difference between a good DJ and a guy who's there because he knows how to press "play," then you might as well stock the bar with Shirley Temples and virgin daiquiris.

Magazines and wedding planners will tell you that food and decor (and wedding planners) are the most important elements of your affair, but then so will the guy that carves the fruit into animal shapes.

Some of the best weddings I've ever attended involved tight-knit groups of friends celebrating memories together, dancing to '90s music without so much as a glance at the ice sculptures or gold-painted human statues.

Yes, ladies, it is your night, but it's meant to be enjoyed with your loved ones, so feed them, keep them lubricated and hire a DJ or band that rocks. You may actually create a memory that you and your friends will want to relive when that video you paid so much for, is done.

Just sayin'.

More from Mike Benhaim at metronews.ca/backbeat

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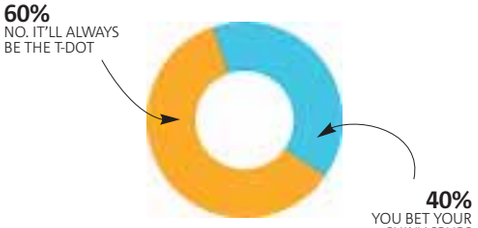
Is the West the new centre of the (Canadian) universe?



Local tweets

- **@willowp:** There's a guy beside me making horse noises #winnipegtransit #tweetsfromthebus
- **@sightlinesphoto:** My condolences to the Pollard family. Gary was a teacher, mentor, and friend. The #Winnipeg music community has lost a true gem.
- **@thunderpouch:** Only in Winnipeg will you find a $65000 Mercedes with an extension cord wrapped around the mirror. #fartofthecontinent
- **@brucetaylorr:** no valentines, my hearts colder than winnipeg.
- **@Brandon____:** You know you're cool when you pull out the laptop to play w.o.w on the bus. #winnipeg #nerd
- **@Wheelerj28:** Saw 3 guys skateboarding outside of Silver City on the way home this morning. #BestWinterEver #Winnipeg #Sk8inFeb
- **@Goldie94:** Had lots of fun delivering Valentine's throughout #Winnipeg today! Happy Valentine's Day everyone!
- **@davec4pone:** Spending Valentine's Day with my one and only true love: the Winnipeg Jets. #pathetic #lonely #hidethebobsegerrecords

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Surfing the rocks

Rock only seen by chosen few

ARIZONA. British photographer Simon Byrne is on the crest of a wave of success after becoming one of the lucky few to learn the secret location of this stunning sandstone formation. The 31-year-old needed a special permit before he was given "rough guidelines" to find The Wave in a remote spot in Arizona. MWN

60 seconds

What were your first thoughts after you found The Wave?
Spectacular. One minute you're hiking across the desert, and suddenly you're there. I was amazed how perfectly formed and preserved this sandstone phenomenon is. Every inch you move changes the whole dynamic of the scene, meaning you can explore The Wave for hours.

You're among the lucky few to actually find The Wave. Why so?
Guidelines to find this were only provided to those lucky to get a permit in a lottery.

What do you love about this photograph?
How all the lines connect together. They seem to run around the whole structure and don't seem to have a beginning or an end. It's almost like a sea reaching a tideline. MWN

The Wave

- **Location.** Somewhere in the 112,500-acre Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness, near the Arizona/Utah border.
- **Jurassic Rock.** 190-million-year-old sand dunes that turned to stone.
- **Best time to photograph The Wave?** Around midday when no shadows are cast in centre.

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Dancing with the Devil

Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance is the latest film to pit Hollywood heroes against Satan

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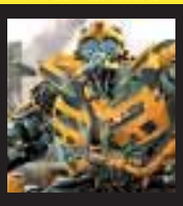
▶ In Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance, Johnny Blaze is called out of hiding to stop the devil, who is trying to take human form.

Scene in brief



Director Michael Bay plans a fresh take on shape-shifting robots with the fourth installment in his Transformers franchise. Paramount Pictures announced Monday night that Bay will return to direct the next chapter in the blockbuster sci-fi series, due in theatres June 29, 2014.
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Uggie from The Artist named top dog at inaugural Golden Collar Awards honouring canine actors

IN FOCUS

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In this weekend's Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance, Johnny Blaze, played by Nicolas Cage, joins a long line of movie characters in the ultimate fight — battling Satan! Everyone from Jack Black to Viggo Mortensen to Santa Claus has been hell bent on battling Old Scratch on the big screen.

In Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny, Jack Black and Kyle Glass play heavy metal musicians who must play a musical battle with Lucifer.

"The demon code prevents me from declining the rock off challenge," says Old Scratch before they engage in a metal showdown. If they win, they'll be superstars and the keepers of the magic pick made of Satan's tooth. Lose and Kyle gets a new roommate — the prince of darkness.

The Devil in Prince of Darkness takes a slightly different form than Pick of Destiny's traditional ruby-skinned imp. In this John Carpenter chiller the Devil is an alien life form trapped in an alternate world. Meanwhile, his son lives on our planet, boiled down into a vat of sinister-looking green liquid.

E-critic.com hated the movie, suggesting the advertising tagline for the movie should be: It's NEW and IMPROVED LIQUID SATAN!!!, but it has some good thrills, a moody synthesize score, a cameo by Alice Cooper and a great performance by Donald Pleasance as a priest who does battle with the Devil.

One critic called The Prophecy "Paradise Lost reimagined as a droll B horror picture."

Christopher Walken plays an angel trying to wage war against God. You might imagine that would put him in league with the Devil, but you'd be wrong. "Your war is arrogance," says Mephistopheles, who looks a lot like Viggo Mortensen, "That makes it evil. That's mine."

The movie spawned four sequels, but the original remains the best, if only to watch Mortensen deliver lines like, "While heaven may be closed I am always open, even on Christmas."

And speaking of Christmas, one of the strangest cinematic demonic battles happens in the Mexican fantasy film Santa Claus. Described as "Ho Ho Horrible!" by one critic, it's cut-rate and cheesy but has a certain kitschy charm.

Sometimes referred to as Santa Claus Conquers the Devil, this weird movie sees St Nick shoot the Devil with toy arrows. Though marketed to kids, the Mystery Science Theater 3000 folks summed it up best when they said the movie is "good old-fashioned nightmare fuel."

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Talking points

Lohan can't catch a break

SELLING LILO'S LIFE. Lindsay Lohan's run of bad luck apparently extends to her selection of a moving company, as the folks hired to haul her possessions away from her recently vacated Venice Beach home are reportedly now selling photos of Lohan's belongings, according to Hollyscoop.

Worse than that, the company is also said to be looking to sell information about where the actress plans to move and what storage facility she is currently using for her stuff. METRO

Shakira has a close call

WHEN ANIMALS ATTACK Shakira had a rather close encounter with nature while on vacation.

"I was attacked by a sea lion!" the Colombian pop star writes on her Facebook page. "This afternoon I happened to see some sea lions and seals. I thought to myself how cute they were so I decided to get a bit closer than all of the other tourists and went down to a rock trying to pet them and doing baby talk. Suddenly, one of them jumped out of the water so fast and impetuously that it got about one foot away from me, looked me in the eye, roared in fury and tried to bite me."

After the incident, the singer surmised that the sea lion had mistook her BlackBerry for a fish. METRO

Aniston not keen on kids

AT PEACE WITH HER LIFE Despite all the outside focus on her romantic fortunes, Jennifer Aniston says she isn't interested in attaining the picture-perfect life.

"I think that's sort of cliché, isn't it? Like, if you want to be happy, you should have the house, the husband, the kids," Aniston tells GQ magazine. "Kids are messy!"

As for what might happen family-wise with boyfriend Justin Theroux?

"I still kind of go with. If it happens, it happens," she says. "I'm calm and peaceful with whatever the plan is. It's not something where I'm going, 'I gotta have a kid!'" METRO

Celebrity tweets

"Hmm, I wonder if Lady Gaga ever got out of that net. #grammysleftovers"
@iamwandasykes

"If the Greeks shortened their names wouldn't they save a lot of money?"
@AlbertBrooks

"Watched a bit of Real Housewives of Beverly Hills. Don't know how science gave that many platypuses the power of speech."
@SethMacFarlane

"This Means War is based on something that happened to me."
@mindykaling

Nicki Minaj versus the Catholic Church

Star performs self-exorcism at Grammys What's not to love about that?

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THE WORD

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By aiming to prove to the world that she's not just Lil' Kim reincarnated, Nicki Minaj tried to make her mark on Sunday night's Grammy Awards by performing an over-the-top — and highly panned — rendition of her single Roman Holiday.

The performance featured a self-exorcism, dancing monks and nuns, burning flames and Minaj speaking in tongues. Basically, the whole production made The Phantom of the Opera look like high art.

▶ Nicki Minaj

And now Catholics are (rightfully) angry, with the Catholic League releasing a scathing statement by president Bill Donohue, who places the blame on both Minaj and the Recording Academy, the organization that hands out the Grammys, for letting such an "offensive" performance air.

"Whether Minaj is possessed is surely an open question, but what is not in doubt is the irresponsibility of the Recording Academy," he wrote. "Never would they allow an artist to insult Judaism or Islam."

This whole thing is so silly. But I'll tell you what is incredible, dear reader: We're still talking about the usually dull Grammy Awards a full three days after it aired. That has to be some kind of record.

▶ Whitney Houston

Houston's remains returned to Newark

Whitney Houston's body has returned to Newark, N.J., where a funeral is expected to be held for the late pop star some time this week, according to TMZ.

Her remains were reportedly flown from Los Angeles to Newark late Monday night aboard Tyler Perry's private jet.

"Tyler Perry rushed to the L.A. hospital Saturday as soon as he heard about Whitney's death and immediately offered up his private plane to the family," a source tells the Web site. METRO

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Travel in brief

A large-scale art installation comprising 200 tents set up on the grounds of Fort York National Historic Site in Toronto is being planned to help mark the bicentennial of the War of 1812. The Encampment, commissioned by the City of Toronto and the Luminato arts festival, will be staged each evening from June 8 to 24, serving as "a massive collective expression of art and history," say promoters.

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Ga., county buys garden of late folk artist Howard Finster that was featured in R.E.M. video

Get a taste for Halifax

Nova Scotia's capital is known for fishing, the Bluenose and Alexander Keith's brewery
But the city is also carving a name for itself as a destination for foodies

With the Atlantic ocean lapping at its front door, it's no secret a trip to Halifax pairs nicely with a side of fish and chips. But adventurous gourmets may be surprised to learn the seaside capital also offers up a smorgasbord of dining options that local foodies say rivals big city competitors.

"When you think of Halifax, seafood — no question — comes to mind as a leading commodity," says Patricia Lyall, executive director of Destination Halifax, the city's tourism marketing organization.

But with some 500 bistros, pubs, fine dining rooms, supper clubs, diners and international eateries in the sprawling municipality, Lyall says there are plenty of opportunities to push the boundaries of your palate. "You can very easily plan to dine out seven days a week and not replicate the experience."

That doesn't get much easier than in February when the Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia hosts the annual Savour Food and Wine Festival.

The event was launched nine years ago to promote the province's restaurant industry during what's widely considered a slow season in the business.

The month-long pageant of dinner, drinks and desserts includes four events: a chocolate, wine and cheese showcase (it was held at the beginning of the month); a rare and fine wine tasting (Feb. 17, sold out); and Dine Around, an offering of three-course, prix-fixe menus at participating restaurants (all month). The highlight of the festival is the Savour Food and Wine Show on Feb. 23 — a one-night-only epicurean extravaganza hosted by some of Nova Scotia's most inspired chefs. Tickets for the popular event are typically sold out a week in advance.

"I think Nova Scotians have been educated; there's a lot more travel and people want to have a better quality product," says Joe McGuinness, festival chairman and co-owner of Durty Nelly's, an Irish pub located on Argyle Street. "We're now a cosmopolitan city offering a wide variety of local and ethnic cuisine."

But while variety may be the spice of life, local restaurateurs say the city's affection for local products is key to its culinary appeal.

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▶ Lauren Marshall is the head chef at Morris East, the only restaurant in Halifax with a real wood-fired oven.

Downtown, a couple of blocks away from bustling Spring Garden Road, is Morris East. The small but stylish restaurant serves up gourmet, thin-crust pizzas and boasts what it says is the city's only real wood-fired oven. The oven came from Naples; its chef hails from Halifax.

"A lot of people are very concerned about where their food is coming from," says Lauren Marshall, who has whipped up a vegetarian dish for the Savour show that features handmade pasta, local veggies and Nova Scotia cheese.

Tucked away in the north end is Chez Tess Creperie, offering sweet and savoury crepes served with Annapolis Valley cider. On historic Barrington Street sits Chives Canadian Bistro, known for its eclectic menu that favours local food producers.

And, of course, there's no shortage of seafood — with a twist. Spots like Fid Resto on Dresden Row serve up seared Atlantic salmon with pickled plums and poutine made with fresh Nova Scotia lobster.

Lyall says it's only in recent years that Destination Halifax began considering dining out as more than a basic travel need, but as a tourism draw.

She admits being initially surprised by the diversity and expertise the city has to offer. Now, Lyall believes Halifax can "punch above its weight" and compete with any cosmopolitan city.

McGuinness agrees.

"The old perception of it being a sleepy fishing village, that's long gone."

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If you go...

- Tickets for the Savour Food and Wine show cost $79 plus tax. For detailed information on the festival, visit savourfoodandwine.com.
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- 6 tbsp (90 mL) sparkling lemon beverage

Fill a glass with ice and pour in the vodka and pomegranate juice. Top the mix with the lemon beverage. Garnish with a lemon slice and serve. **RECIPE COURTESY OF SAN PELLEGRINO LIMONATA**

Gobble, gobble two delicious ways

Add some Mediterranean sunshine to your table with this refreshing turkey scaloppine

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Turkey Scaloppine with Fresh Tomato & Herb Salsa

This recipe serves four.

This meal takes its inspiration from the Mediterranean with the use of olives and feta cheese.

The fresh taste of tomatoes and herbs adds colour and texture to this tender and easy weeknight meal.

Preparation:

1. Fresh Tomato and Herb Salsa: In a bowl, combine tomatoes, olives, green onion, oil, salt, pepper, basil, mint and feta. Set aside.
2. Coat turkey in flour, shaking off any excess. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
3. In a large non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook turkey in two batches about 4 minutes per side, until crisp and golden and no longer pink inside. Keep in warm oven while cooking second batch of turkey.
4. Divide turkey among 4 plates and top with fresh salsa. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ ONTARIO TURKEY/ ADAPTED FOR METRO NEWS BY EMILY RICHARDS, A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA.**

Ingredients:

Fresh Tomato and Herb Salsa

- 500 ml (2 cups) chopped fresh tomatoes
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) pitted kalamata olives, halved
- 1 green onion, sliced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) each sea salt and fresh cracked pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh basil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh mint
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) crumbled feta
- 4 turkey scaloppine cutlets (about 500 g/1 lb in total)
- 30 ml (1 tbsp) all purpose flour
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) each sea salt and fresh cracked pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil

This Turkey & Swiss Avocado BLT is a great idea when you're looking for a simple lunch option for two

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Turkey & Swiss Avocado BLT

This recipe serves two.

If you're seeking a casual lunch idea, sandwiches are the way to go. They can be made with basically anything — from veggies and cheese to deli meats, leftover meats, eggs and more. Just use your imagination.

This Turkey & Swiss BLT has an added avocado twist, offering a creamy texture that goes well with the swiss cheese.

Serve the tasty sandwich with a few kettle chips, fries or a garden salad for a casual lunch. Don't forget the pickle on the side!

Preparation:

1. Spread the mayonnaise on all slices of grain bread.
2. On two slices of bread, place lettuce, tomato, bacon, avocado, turkey and top with cheese.
3. Top the sandwiches with remaining 2 slices of bread. Cut each in half and serve with your choice of side. **RECIPE COURTESY OF FINLANDIACHEESE.COM/ THIS RECIPE WAS ADAPTED FOR METRO NEWS BY EMILY RICHARDS. EMILY IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA**

Ingredients:

- 3 tbsp (45 mL) light mayonnaise
- 4 slices 7 or 12 grain Bread
- 2 green leaf or Romaine lettuce
- 1 tomato, sliced
- 4 sliced cooked turkey bacon
- Half an avocado, peeled, pitted and sliced
- 4 oz (125 g) sliced roast turkey breast
- 6 slices Swiss cheese

Do your work to get the work

The call came in and they want to meet you! Best to add these crucial items to your 'ace the interview' to-do list

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Remember that you are interviewing the company to see if it's the right fit for you just as they are interviewing you.

Congratulations! You landed a job interview at your dream company.

A lot of hard work has gone into determining the right companies to apply to, network with, write fantastic cover letters and submit applications to.

Now it's time to prove you are even better in person. Here we offer up five tried-and-true tips to prepare for the interview.

1 **Get organized** Write down the date, time and location of your interview in your smart phone or date book right away.

Tip: Ask the recruiter for key information like the name of your interviewer and the interview style to help you prepare in the below steps.

2 **Research the company** Check out their mission statement, values/competences, services or products, case studies, awards, blog and executives. Be confident that you can summarize why you want to work at the company and why you are a great fit with this company,

Tip: Print off any key information you've found and highlight it or take notes. Don't be afraid to take this prep package with you to the interview in a folder so they see you are prepared. Also write down any questions you have to ask to determine if the company is the right fit for you and you are the right fit for them.

3 **Get the real story via social media** Check out their Facebook page to see photos, comments and general company news. This can be a great place to see company social event photos. See if they have a twitter account so you can check out what your future colleagues are tweeting about.

Tip: Seeing the inside scoop from current employees helps you understand your future colleagues and the real experience working at Company X.

4 **Research your interviewers** If you have the interviewer names, check them out on LinkedIn. See how long they have been with the company, positions they have held.

Tip: You can use this information when asking them about their experience at X Company or when asking questions. Example: "I see that you have been at X for five years and have worked in the recruiting and marketing teams tell me why you love working here…" This shows you went above and beyond in your research.

5 **Research the industry**
- What are top trends in the industry right now?
- Who are the biggest competitors of this company?

Tip: Use this information when they ask you the question, "Why do you want to join company X or what interests you about this industry?" Show that you are passionate about the industry and well versed!

Practice being interviewed
Have a family member, friend or roommate ask you the questions and practice giving answers. Some great sites will not only list the question but also key skills to highlight.

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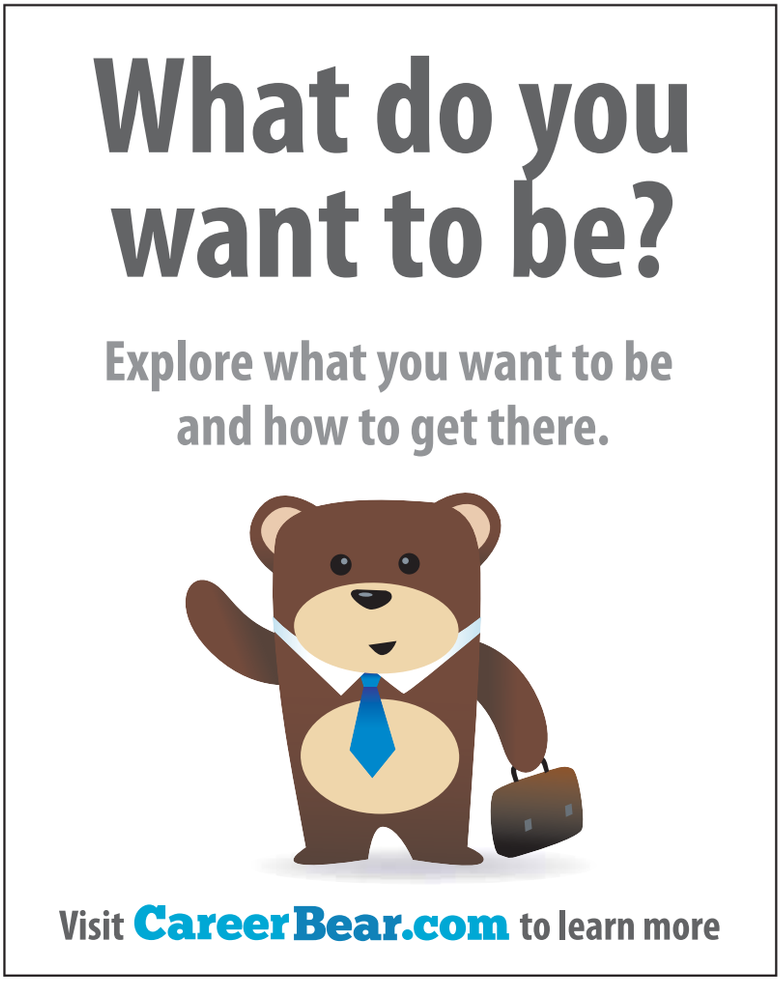

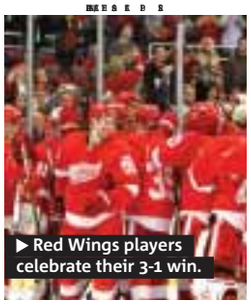
▶ Red Wings players celebrate their 3-1 win.

Red Wings set record with win

The Detroit Red Wings won an NHL-record 21st straight home game, beating the Dallas Stars 3-1 on Tuesday night.

Henrik Zetterberg and Brad Stuart scored midway through the first period for the Red Wings, who broke the mark of 20 set by the Boston Bruins during the 1929-30 season, and matched by the Philadelphia Flyers in 1976.

Fans at Joe Louis Arena gave the team a standing ovation in the final minute and were chanting: "21! 21!" After the game, the Red Wings raised their sticks to acknowledge the cheering fans.

In the NHL's seven seasons with a shootout to eliminate tie games, Boston won 14 straight at home during the 2008-09 season. That was the longest streak until Detroit's current run of dominance in the Motor City.

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Jets can't figure out how to best Nabokov

Veteran Islanders goalie makes 37 saves Parenteau scores winner

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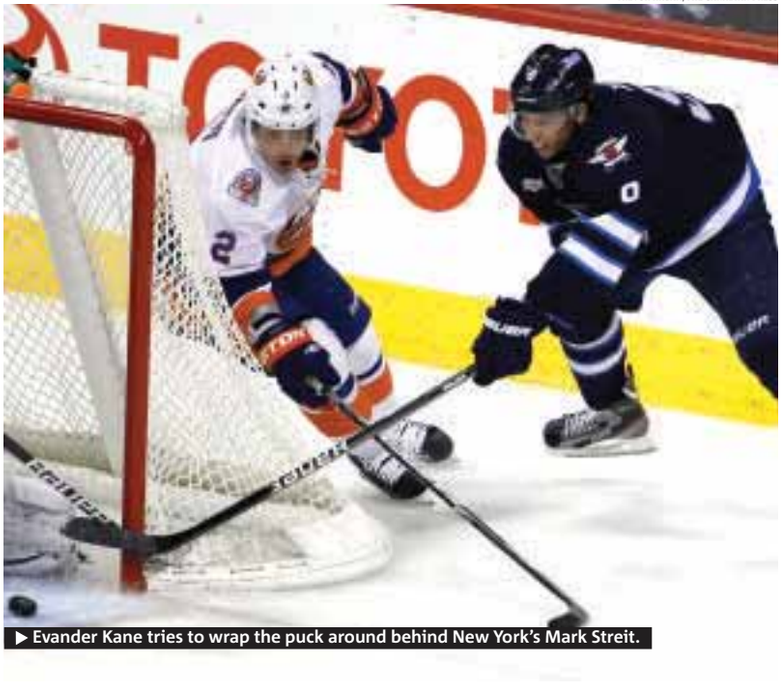
▶ Evander Kane tries to wrap the puck around behind New York's Mark Streit.

P.A. Parenteau scored the winner early in the third period and Evgeni Nabokov made 37 saves as the New York Islanders defeated the Winnipeg Jets 3-1 on Tuesday.

Parenteau redirected a shot by Milan Jurcina for his 12th goal and 50th point of the season at 1:36 of the third period.

Matt Moulson also scored for the Islanders (24-24-8) with his team-leading 25th goal of the season.

Matt Martin sealed the victory with an empty-netter with 53 seconds left that was assisted by Parenteau.

Chris Thorburn had the lone goal for Winnipeg (26-26-6), while Ondrej Pavelec made 22 saves in the loss.

The Jets opened the scoring when Thorburn scored his third goal of the season with 2:10 left in the first period off a rebound that went by Nabokov.

Winnipeg outshot New York 16-10 in the opening period, but the Islanders came back early in the second.

Just 23 seconds after Jets forward Blake Wheeler went to the penalty box for tripping, Moulson scored at 3:55 to tie the game 1-1.

After Parenteau's goal, the Jets had a couple of power plays, but couldn't beat Nabokov.

The Jets travel to Minnesota for a game on Thursday and then play eight straight at home

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Nash trade buzz grows louder

NHL trade talk heated up Tuesday with reports that Columbus Blue Jackets captain Rick Nash could be available before Feb. 27.

A source close to the situation confirmed that he is potentially in play.

Nash holds a no-movement clause and didn't exactly shoot down the possibility of a trade while speaking to reporters before Tuesday's game against St. Louis.

"I'm a Blue Jacket right now. I've played my whole career here and it's a special place to me," Nash told the Columbus Post-Dispatch. "So as of right now I'm a Blue Jacket."

"When a team loses, more rumours keep on surfacing. That's what it seems to be right now, just rumours."
RICK NASH

Nash was drafted first overall by Columbus in 2002 and quickly became the face of the organization. He is in the first year of a seven-year contract that pays him $7.8 million US annually.

A season that started with optimism in Columbus has been nothing short of a disaster and the franchise appears to be headed for a major rebuild. Entering play Tuesday, the Blue Jackets were on pace for 56 points — a total that would match the 2006-07 Philadelphia Flyers for the lowest since the NHL lockout.

The 27-year-old Nash has only made one playoff appearance in nine NHL seasons and might be inclined to move to a contender.

The two-time Canadian Olympian and former Rocket Richard Trophy winner wouldn't come cheap. The six-foot-four former London Knight is a prototypical power forward who has two 40-goal seasons and four others with more than 30.

Nash has also shown he can handle the pressure of the big stage, having been a key contributor to Canada's gold at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics as well as the 2007 IIHF World Championship in Moscow.

News of Nash's potential availability brought some life to what had been a surprisingly dormant period of inactivity around the NHL. Even with the Feb. 27 trade deadline fast approaching, there have been no significant moves since Calgary and Montreal swapped Rene Bourque and Mike Cammalleri more than a month ago.

"It's been so quiet," one NHL general manager told The Canadian Press. "Everyone would like to do something, but there's so few people that really believe that they're out of it. It's an interesting time."

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4 sports

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"You know, hopefully he stays, because that arena there is one of the best arenas in the country.... If he leaves, it'll be a travesty."

RETIRED NBA CENTRE SHAQUILLE O'NEAL, SPEAKING ON A TURNER SPORTS CONFERENCE CALL ABOUT THE ORLANDO MAGIC'S DWIGHT HOWARD. HOWARD, WHO WILL BE A FREE AGENT THIS JULY IF HE DOESN'T SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION, HAS TOLD THE MAGIC HE WANTS TO BE TRADED.
O'NEAL ALSO SAID HOWARD'S SITUATION IS NOT LIKE HIS OWN WHEN HE LEFT FOR THE LAKERS IN 1996, BECAUSE HE SAID HE WANTED TO STAY WITH THE MAGIC BUT HAD A BETTER OPTION.

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Knicks. Raptors

▶ New York Knicks guard Jeremy Lin celebrates with Tyson Chandler and Landry Fields after his game shot Tuesday night in Toronto.

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Lin's legend grows in Toronto

Linsanity prevailed in Toronto on Tuesday.
Jeremy Lin, the NBA phenomenon who went from a seldom-used player to the league's hottest story in the span of a week, drained a three-point shot with 0.5 seconds on the clock to lift the New York Knicks to their sixth consecutive victory, 90-87 over the Toronto Raptors. The 23-year-old point guard finished with 27 points and a career-high 11 assists, and was huge down the stretch, scoring the final five points for New York (14-15).

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Bombers look at talent before Matechuk's past

- **Winnipeg signs long-snapper despite run-in with law**
- **Ex-Ticat pleaded guilty to steroid possession last July**

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers are giving Jordan Matechuk a second chance.

The CFL club signed the linebacker/long-snapper, along with veteran offensive lineman Steve Morley, on Tuesday. The re-signing of Morley wasn't surprising given the 30-year-old Halifax native was a starter that helped the Bombers reach the Grey Cup last season.

But the addition of Matechuk certainly raised eyebrows. The 26-year-old Yorkton, Sask., native was sentenced to 90 days in jail last year after pleading guilty in July to possession of steroids.

Matechuk, then a member of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, was arrested in late May at the Canadian-American border in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., en route to the team's training camp. He was found to be in possession of steroids and marijuana and was released by the Ticats shortly afterwards.

"Whatever Jordan has gone through in the past in his personal life doesn't affect our decision to bring him in."
BOMBERS GM JOE MACK

"We are signing Jordan based on his football talent and because we feel that he can improve the depth on our roster," Bombers general manager Joe Mack said in a statement.

"We feel everyone deserves a second chance and Jordan has demonstrated professionalism and honesty throughout this entire process.... We look forward to seeing what he can do for our team."

Winnipeg signed the six-foot-seven, 306-pound Morley a day before he was scheduled to become a free agent. The club also announced Markus Howell will return to head coach Paul LaPolice's staff as receivers coach.

Howell spent last season as the Bombers' defensive and special-teams assistant before moving to linebackers coach after the death of defensive line coach Richard Harris last July.

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Sports in pictures

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1 Receiver Jason Barnes signed a contract for one year, plus an option, with the Toronto Argonauts on Tuesday after being released last month by the Edmonton Eskimos.
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2 An argument between Canadiens forward Scott Gomez and assistant coach Randy Ladouceur at a Montreal practice on Tuesday was so long and intense that some media observers thought it might turn into a fistfight.
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3 A person familiar with the deal says manager Joe Maddon has agreed to a three-year contract extension with the Tampa Bay Rays.
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Engine

In keeping with the Spark's modest transportation role, the standard powerplant is a 1.2-litre four-cylinder that generates an equally modest 85 horsepower and 82 pound-feet of torque.

That's obviously not a lot, but wrapped in a small 1,045-kilogram vehicle built for urban commuting with short-lived jaunts at highway speeds, it'll do just fine.

Four doors, not two

The Spark's secret, it seems, involves getting the most room out of the least amount of space. Its upright body offers generous door openings for easy access and plenty of headroom for four adult passengers.

Chevrolet has crafted a neatly designed exterior, highlighted by bulging fenders containing wheels that have been pushed out to each side for the sake of stability and passenger room. And as with the larger Sonic hatchback, the rear door handles have been integrated as part of the window frame, giving the car a two-door appearance, which is all the rage these days.

Stowage

The car is nearly 15 centimetres taller than a Mini Cooper. In other aspects the Spark is slightly shorter overall and there's less distance between the front and rear wheels than the Mini.

You also won't find much stowage area in back, but enlarging the space for life's bulky stuff is just a split-folding-rear-bench away.

▶ The Spark's small-displacement four-cylinder engine won't set any acceleration records, but that's not really the point here, is it?

The right car for the jungle

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The concrete jungle is becoming increasingly tougher to navigate. The streets are clogged, parking fees are ridiculous and fuel is far from cheap.

Survival demands a minimalist transportation module with maximum space for people and cargo. For both urbanites and suburbanites, the Chevrolet Spark is on its way.

Chevrolet has been the recipient of numerous accolades lately for its compact and sub-compact brands.

The one-year-old Cruze has been a huge hit and it appears that the newly released Sonic sedan and hatchback will follow the same course for 2012.

And with a growing list of recently released competitors, it seems as though North Americans are beginning to embrace fuel efficiency and a smaller footprint as a way of life.

The Spark hatchback's mid-2012 arrival serves to add fuel to the sub-compact fire.

Versions of this Korea-built four-door hatchback have been buzzing around the streets of Europe, Asia, South America, Australia and Mexico for a few years. Now it's our turn.

In the near future, the Spark could very well be the envy of competitors such as the Smart Fortwo, Scion iQ, Fiat 500 and Mini Cooper.

▶ The rear opening is crowded by the bumper and taillights and, of course, by the rear seat when it's in the upright position.

▶ Almost Hyundai-like in appearance, the Spark's interior is tidy and surprisingly modern without being too trendy or gimmicky.

Chevrolet Spark

What you should know about the 2013 Chevrolet Spark:

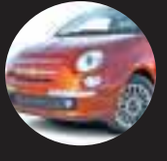
- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive sub-compact hatchback.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.2-litre DOHC I4 (85).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual; four-speed automatic (opt.).
- **Market position:** Chevrolet is joining a growing number of automakers offering bite-sized hatchbacks that attempt to combine reasonable passenger space and comfort with exceptional fuel economy and fun-to-drive capability.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 6.0/4.9 (MT, est.).

5 drive

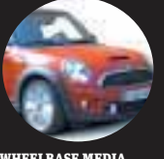
By comparison

Scion iQ
Base price: $18,150
Minimalist practical model is ideal for getting around in crowded cities.

Fiat 500
Base price: $17,400
Thrifty econo-car offers all-adult seating and a sporty style all its own.



Mini Cooper
Base price: $23,550
Sporty looks and slot-car handling, but is a bit too expensive for its size.



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Reboot

The Kia Rio is no longer one of the cheapest cars on the road, but in this day and age that's not where the money is

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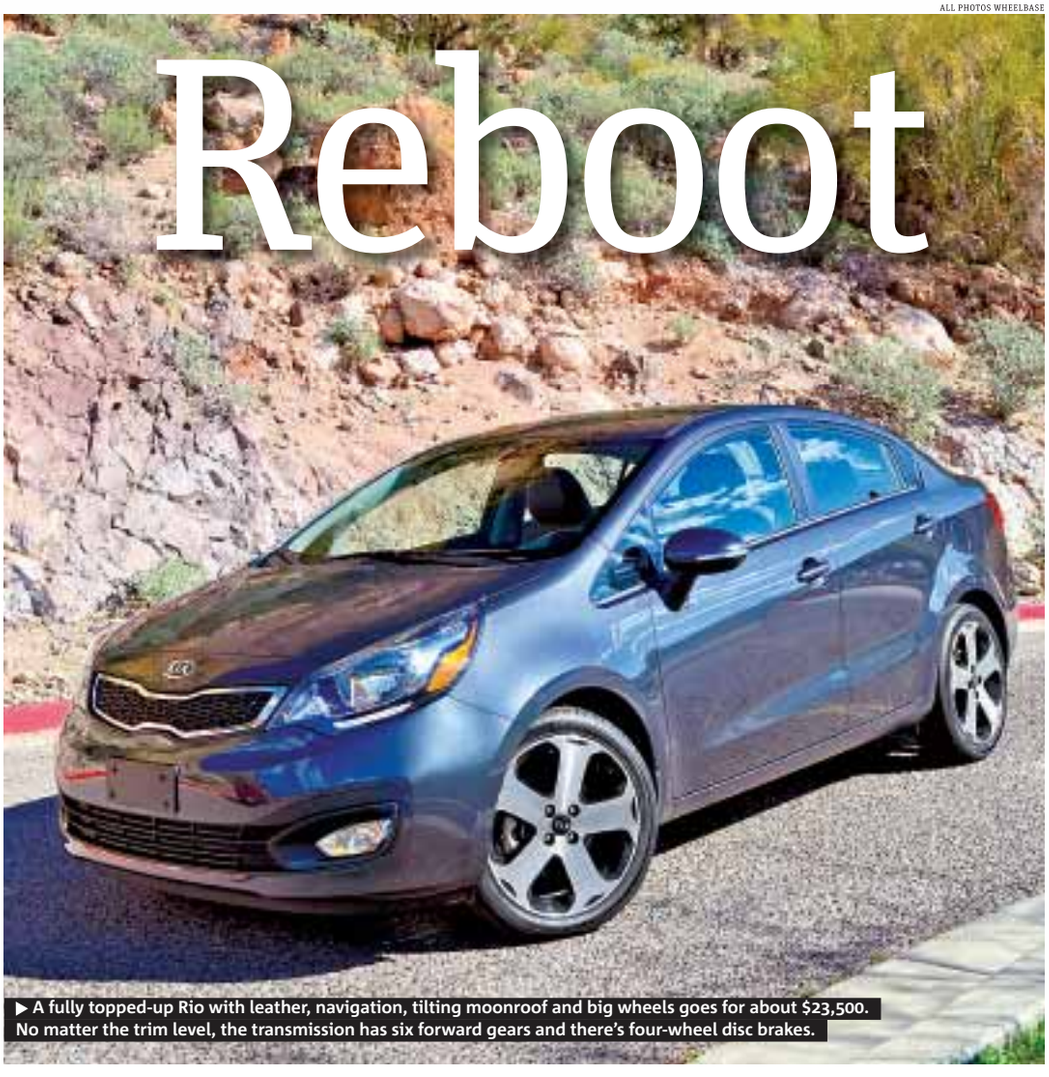

▶ A fully topped-up Rio with leather, navigation, tilting moonroof and big wheels goes for about $23,500. No matter the trim level, the transmission has six forward gears and there's four-wheel disc brakes.

To understand the philosophy of a clean-sheet design, you need a clean-sheet brain.

You need to think with logic and an open mind and not have any preconceived notions ... of anything. A reboot, if you will.

It begins with the notion that, for a given amount of money, you would rather have a loaded up small car than a bigger car that's missing a bunch of stuff. Kind of like having a glass of fine pinot noir over a pitcher of flat beer.

OK, that's according to Kia, but it also means you'll likely spend less money on gas because a smaller package also means a smaller, more efficient engine.

But who the heck has a car like that? Five years ago, the answer would have been almost no one. Leather and navigation in a small car? A thoughtful, well detailed and tasteful interior in a small car? Hey, aren't small cars cheap and empty tin cans painted with a roller?

Today, it's even more unheard of that Kia has a loaded up small car, and a handsome four-door sedan at that. We're just as surprised as you are.

Reboot.

It's a whole new game now. Make that a hockey game as the Kia Rio sedan circling the ice at a Phoenix Coyotes-Detroit Redwings NHL game in Phoenix is as rare as, well ... ice hockey in Phoenix. Grey and glimmering under the laser-beam-harsh arena lights during the second-period intermission, for whatever media stunt, it's perfectly proportioned, flab-free and dare we say, plenty fancy. And apparently good on ice.

Compared to the current hatchback model, the sedan is a touch longer (it has to be so the sloped sedan roof doesn't bonk rear passengers on top of the head) and it sports a sleeker, more elegant and formal nose with chrome dressing. The rest of the car is similar to the hatchback, including that tidy and well-detailed interior.

Oh, and smooth, comfy and pretty quiet, too. Speedy? Not really with 138 horsepower, but with the optional six-speed automatic transmission (a six-speed manual is standard) it cruises on the freeway with ridiculous ease while pulling down decent economy. Kia reports 4.9 l/100 km while "Idle Stop Go," which automatically shuts down the engine when the Rio is stopped in traffic, helps bring city economy to a claimed 6.6 l/100 km with the manual transmission and 6.8 with the automatic.

How did all this happen.

Well, it seems to come down to some key people with serious pull. Kia media-relations staff are quick to coo Peter Schreyer's name around the dinner table with the same ecstacy that comes from savouring the first sip of a frosty beverage on a hot Phoenix afternoon. Honestly, before the Kia Optima in particular, Mr. Schreyer was not exactly a household name in North America. Straight from Audi's design studios in 2006, he's now Kia's style master and a fine one he is. His Optima sedan is gorgeous. His Sportage tall wagon is Chuck Norris assertive, even without the Texas Ranger stetson. And the Rio makes the Zamboni at the hockey game look like the box the Zamboni came in; and even smoother than the backhand shootout goal to end the game 3-2 for Detroit.

Most significant is that for about $23,500, including destination fees, you'll get a Rio that's loaded up with navigation, backup camera, leather seats (heated in front), power tilting sunroof and 17-inch alloy wheels. Even metal sport pedals and a cooling glove box.

It's really a bargain, but if you don't want all that, the base car starts at $15,600 and still includes four-wheel disc brakes, power heated mirrors and a USB jack for your portable jukebox (Apple iPod).

It could really just be a new Rio for a new time, but it's also a new Kia, too.

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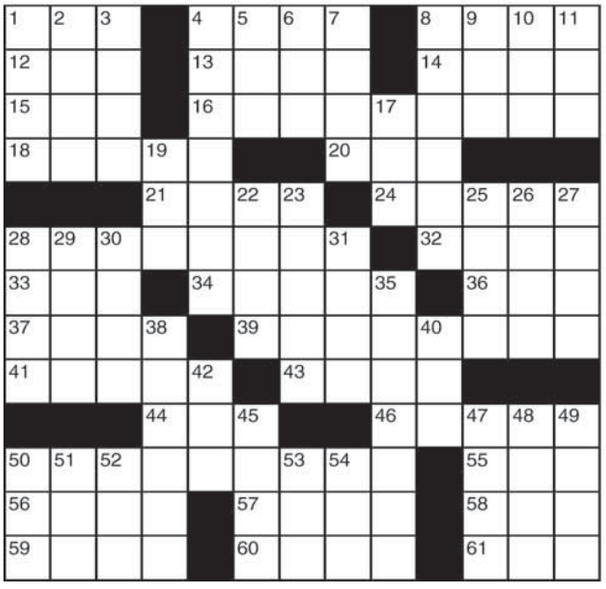

Across

1 Fool
4 Morse morsels
8 Primary
12 — long way
13 Early caucus state
14 Not deceived by
15 "— Town"
16 Vodka container, at times
18 "Peer Gynt Suite No. 1" composer
20 Chow down
21 Agana's island
24 Daisy feature
28 Unlikely success
32 Zilch
33 In olden days
34 Mexican entrees
36 Visibility hindrance
37 Cat call
39 Hatfield-McCoy arsenal
41 Punishment-related
43 Thicke or Alda
44 Marseilles monarch
46 Talk nonstop
50 Y-shaped launcher
55 Kimono closer
56 Aesopian also-ran
57 Amour
58 Bribe
59 Watched
60 "Zounds!"
61 "Certainly"

Down

1 Dumbstruck
2 Tart
3 Delhi dress
4 Repugnance
5 Reaction to fireworks
6 Pair
7 Fill fully
8 Liquefied, as lava
9 Literary collection
10 "Monty Python" opener
11 Ph. bk. data
17 Space
19 Early bird?
22 Discoverers' cries
23 Coffee-chocolate blend
25 Vegan's protein source
26 Unsigned (Abbr.)
27 Stamina, slangily
28 Genie's home
29 S-shaped molding
30 Midday
31 Implement
35 Began
38 Cautioned
40 Wildebeest
42 Journal
45 Capri or Wight
47 Inquisitive
48 Penetrating wind
49 Pinches
50 That girl
51 Deposit
52 Anger
53 Glutton
54 In vitro cells

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Alex Roza, Lost Serbian, I told you that the first time I saw you I thought you were married and sometimes I still can't believe that I'm the one who married you =) I always think that the universe brought you in my life and I'm very thankful. I love very much **DIANA ROZA**

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To Good Morning, You're sweeter than twitter! Your lingu is better than jingu! Your face looks awesome in real life than on facebook. My space wants your space to invade mine. Your metro notes are like subways to my heart! >>>Kiss sent to U from Moi!<<< **GOING TO BE A BEAUTIFUL DAY! AY!**

A look at the weather

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
You need to accept that other people won't always see things the same way as you.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Your sixth sense tells you that someone is lying. Keep that knowledge to yourself until a time when you can use it to maximum effect.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
You will achieve more today if you use persuasion rather than coercion. You don't have to hammer other people into submission.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Your imagination could carry you away today and cause you to do something you'll later regret.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Be on your guard over the next 24 hours, especially when dealing with work-related issues.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
You need to be practical when dealing with money matters and business affairs. If you let wishful thinking affect you, it'll cost.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Today's link between your ruler Venus and Pluto, planet of passion, will get your heart beating faster.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
There are so many good things going on that you probably think you can get away with anything. Don't push your luck at work.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If you play your cards right over the next few days, you could find yourself moving up in the world.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
It's a good day to persuade someone to back a project that could be beneficial to you. Make sure ideas are supported with solid facts.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Something will happen today that takes you by surprise — and it will be an especially nice surprise.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You may have doubts about a deal of some kind but those doubts will disappear by the early next week.

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